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## Parliament Extended to End of Year

Ottawa Feb. 8.—The government resolution proposing that an address be presented to his majesty, asking that a bill be submitted to the imperial parliament, extending the life of the Dominion parliament for one year, was unanimously adopted this afternoon by the house of commons after two memorable speeches had been delivered by Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Both leaders agreed as to the desirability of avoiding election strife during the war if possible.

### DETRACTORS ATTACK ALBERTA

That gathering of Canadian forces in Chicago recently, for the purpose of providing an antidote for the poison that is being spread throughout the United States, was "not held a moment too soon." As is well-known there are certain interests in the neighboring republic that are masking a vigorous and unpincipled campaign to hurt Canada. Some of these interests are pro-German and their malice is understood. A considerable part of the balance is made up of those who have selfish ends to serve. The real, genuine American is not represented.

It is unfortunate that these enemies of Canada are given powers to attack this country, while our means of countering their influence are naturally limited. Take, for example, an article that was published in the Spokane Spokesman-Review last Sunday, in which the writer, who represented himself as a farmer in Alberta, alleged that once a family got into this country he could not get out, that he was forced into a free Germany and a free Austria, and thus could by no means be tolerated by the military autocracies of these ramifications were controlled by the railways, banks and manufacturers. According to him, Alberta was worse than the Sahara desert. At the end of his tale of woe, he urged that his name be not used, which, in view of the serious nature of his charges, was the request of a coward and of a man who stabs in the back.

Now, Alberta needs no defence. It speaks for itself. Its crop record of 1915, its livestock record, its dairy products, its coal output, its manufactures, its new industries, and its hundreds of thousands of acres of free arable land—all these tell of Alberta's advantages and any inquirer, who wants to benefit his condition, can get the bare, bald facts that will give our anonymous enemy the lie.

Alberta has nothing to conceal. What we invite from Americans is inspection and investigation, for we know that inquiries into our resources and advantages will bring what we need—population. And we know that the new population will prosper.

First it was conjecture that was the basest threat that our detractors used in the States; now it is plain unvarnished prevarication.

So it is that we say that the Chicago gathering was not held a moment too soon.

### REAL CAUSE OF WAR

In the current number of the University Magazine appears an interesting controversy between James Mavor, professor of economics in Toronto University, and Count Apponij, an eminent political leader of Hungary, who has long enjoyed a great reputation as an advocate of the utilization of the Hague tribunal for the settlement of international disputes, of which body he was an important and valued member.

Grieved at two letters by Count Apponij appearing in a New York paper, "one of which consisted of philippic against

England, and a plea for the freedom of the sea," Prof. Mavor wrote making some corrections in the statements of his friend and calling attention to the real cause of the war. "That Germany has been long preparing for a general European conflict cannot now be doubted," he said.

The reply of the Hungarian count, dated on June 9, is to the Hun defence of the war. He starts by asserting Russia aimed at the destruction of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, was responsible for the Serbian outrages, that Germany remained faithful to an ally, and that a Germany being thus entangled in a conflict with Russia, the hour seemed propitious for France to have her revenge on her and for England to satisfy the envious feelings she entertained against the magnificient economic evolution of Germany.

The invasion of Belgium was not part of the policy of Germany, but a measure of strategy, unwillingly taken after England had declined to pledge herself to neutrality if Belgians were spared.

He defends the submarine warfare by declaring that "England was wrong against us, and children, declaring food-stuffs contraband of war," and condones the Lusitania outrage by asserting that it was a warship armed with guns.

Such are the delusions of the intelligent and more moderate.

The reply of Prof. Mavor is quite conclusive. No scrap of evidence has ever been produced of any aggression on the part of Russia. "The only Slavic peril is that either Germany or Austria could fear was the peril to their own automatic systems which might result from the weakening of the autocratic power in Russia. So long as Russian autocracy was powerful we heard nothing of the Slavic power; it is only as Russia becomes more free that the Slav comes to be regarded as a menace to the Central Empires. The free Russia of yesterday is a free Germany and a free Austria, and thus could by no means be tolerated by the military autocracies of these countries."

France has lost its spirit of revenge. She has set two tasks before her, one to render her frontier from Luxembourg to Switzerland secure against the enemy, and the other to reconquer for herself the intellectual leadership which she enjoyed in the eighteenth century and lost in the nineteenth.

England has, no doubt, many faults, but not that of envy. The English free trade policy has had as one of its cardinal doctrines that the prosperity of other countries is highly advantageous to England.

Prof. Mavor insists that the Prussian clique will the war and marshals his evidence. For twenty years Germany has been deliberately preparing for an aggressive campaign. Germany was not the object of attack, any more than the rest of Europe.

He points out that there had to be an end of the annoying German military expenditure. "One way of preventing this interior explosion was to provoke a general war, in which, if Prussia fell, she might hope to bring down also a civilized world. A successful war would establish Prussian domination of Central Europe more firmly than ever, and might make it universal. It was a gambler's chance."

Prof. Mavor repeats his assertion of German atrocities, which the German people do not deny, and points out that the blockade is an established method of warfare from time immemorial.

The breach of the neutrality of Belgium by Germany was deliberately planned, and was not contingent on the neutrality of Belgium.

### SOLDIERS ON A RAMPAGE

Calgary Feb. 11.—A mob composed mostly of soldiers, last night completely wrecked the premises of restaurants operated by White Lunch Co. on 8th and 9th avenues. Cause of the outbreak was a rumor that the management had discharged returned veterans employees and hired Germans in their places.

## Make Feb. 29 Big Red Cross Day

February 29th, of 1916, is to be handed down in the history of Alberta as Red Cross Day, when every man, woman, and child in the province will join in the common endeavor to provide means of alleviating the suffering of the soldiers wounded in defense of the Empire. And best of all, the plan evolved provides that this help be given voluntarily, and without actual cost to the public.

Leap Year comes only once in four years, and then it brings an extra day, which is somewhat disconcerting when one considers it, since it is so difficult to account for. The Red Cross, however, has come to the rescue, and claims February 29th, the extra day, for its own.

The idea is that February 29, being a day over and above the usual allowance of the year, it will naturally bring an extra day's business. All the Red Cross work is to be done on that day. The movement is not intended to secure money from the merchant alone, but to cover a percentage of every saleable commodity disposed of, whether farm produce, stock, coal, lumber, or general merchandise. The real success of the enterprise rests with the general public, the buyers who, in order to insure success must plan to do their buying on Red Cross Day from the merchants who have agreed to give a percentage of their receipts on that day to the funds of the Red Cross Society.

The suggestion has been approved by His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta, the Provincial Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and by the business men of Edmonton, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat, who are ready and anxious to fall in line. The committee plans to bring the matter before the bar and medical associations of the province and also to secure the cooperation of the United Farmers of Alberta. Nor will it stop at that; the cooperation of every organization of the province will be asked for. Everyone will be a Red Cross worker on February 29th.

The idea is a provincial one, but will be carried out locally, the different branches of the Red Cross Society undertaking the organization and financing of the plan as put into effect in its own district, and form of local action to be a matter of local decision.

When the people realize that a percentage of their expenditure on February 29th will go to alleviating the sufferings of the soldiers who are fighting for Alberta, they will be only too glad to make this day one which will go down in the history of Alberta as representing what can be done in one day when the province cooperate in a common interest.

The organization covering the Edmonton district is in the hands of Miss E. Louise Holmes, under the direction of a committee that has been appointed by the executive of the Edmonton branch of the Red Cross Society. Further information may be obtained by writing to P. O. Drawer 126, Edmonton.

### WANTS CONSCRIPTION

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 11.—Despite assurances of Premier Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in parliament, that there will be no conscription measure in Canada, Hamilton is clamoring for it. The recruiting league has arranged a big mass meeting for a week from Sunday, when the government will be petitioned to use force to make eligibles enlist. Major Walters' edict to city hall employees to enlist or quit applies to married men as well as single, and also to department heads. The mayor is going in

self with the Tiger battalion. He has a wife and three young children, and sees no reason why other men should not make as great a sacrifice.

### THE SEED FAIR

The Annual Seed Fair, under the auspices of the Central Alberta Exhibition Association, was held in Lacombe on Wednesday last, and was well attended. The exhibits were numerous, and the samples of grain shown away above the average. Following is the prize list:

Winter Wheat—1st, Capt. H. J. Evans.

Spring Wheat—(9 entries)—1st, G. H. Grant; 2nd, Capt. Evans;

3rd, Thos. Henderson. Only half a point between 1st and 2nd.

Oats, White, Long—1st, Young Bros.; 2nd, Young Bros.; 3rd, A. C. Bruns; 4th, Sladen & Smith.

An exhibitor can only take one prize for each class. Bruns gets 2nd money, and Sladen & Smith third.

### ANGLICAN CHURCH NOTES

The service at Milton last Sunday was well attended. The services in future will be on alternate Sundays at 11:30 a.m., not at 4 p.m. as we announced last week.

The annual meeting of St. Cyprian's W. A. will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Rectory at 8 p.m.

A ten-cent tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Watkins on Saturday, the 19th, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Synod of the Diocese of Calgary meets in Calgary from Feb. 15th to 18th. The lay delegates from Lacombe are Col. J. Gregory and Mr. E. C. Jones.

The special mission in Lacombe will commence on Ash Wednesday March 8th. It is hoped to obtain a special preacher for some of the services.

### L. I. D. NO. 401

The first meeting of the Council of L. I. D. 401, for the year 1916, was held in McKinnon Bros. Hall, Leslieville, on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 1916.

Councillors present—A. N. McKinnon, Div. No. 1; S. Sande, Div. No. 2; E. Randall, Div. No. 4; B. F. Austin, Div. No. 5; J. White, Div. No. 6.

Moved by Austin, seconded by White, that Sande be Chairman for the meeting. Carried.

Moved by McKinnon, seconded by Austin, that minutes of last meeting be accepted as read.

The following applications for Secretary and Treasurer were read: J. P. Nielsen, R. D. Messer, A. J. Bannister, J. W. Christian.

Moved by Austin, seconded by McKinnon, that applications for Secretary and Treasurer be laid over until next meeting, as Councillor Ellenborough was not present. Carried.

Moved by Randall, seconded by F. D. Foreman, that the following be passed and paid:

F. D. Foreman, plow handles, Div. No. 1, \$2.00.

E. N. French, Returning Officer, Div. No. 1, \$10.00.

L. S. Slaght, Returning Officer, Div. No. 2, \$5.00.

H. Matti Uitto, Returning Officer, Div. No. 4, \$10.00.

J. Johnson, use of house for election, Div. No. 4, \$4.00.

E. Whaley, Returning Officer, Div. No. 5, \$5.00.

A. Lee, use of house for nomination, Div. No. 5, \$2.00.

J. Ferguson, Returning Officer, Div. No. 6, \$5.00.

H. R. McLead, Blacksmithing, Divisions 3 and 4, 80c.

E. Whaley, blacksmithing, Div. No. 5, \$4.65.

L. E. Tennant, bridge timber, Div. No. 5, \$22.00.

Stamps, stationery, attesting papers, \$19.25.

Nomination and election supplies, \$3.50.

Pav. sheet No. 1, Div. No. 5, \$11.00.

Pav. sheet No. 2, Divs. 3 and 4, \$45.00.

Moved by Randall, seconded by Austin, that rate of assessment be seven and one-half cents per acre, and that raters pay their rates in cash, to be allowed to work \$100.00 of their taxes and pay \$1.00 in cash.

Moved by Randall, seconded by Austin, that raters pay their taxes in cash when notified.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Lawyer Quigg, Red Deer, asking him if he can collect the taxes on timber berths.

Moved by Randall, seconded by White, that the money collected in each division be used in that division, no part of it to be used in any way in any other division. Carried.

Moved by Austin, seconded by White, that meeting adjourn, next meeting to be held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at one o'clock. Carried.

A. SIM, Secretary Treas.

## Lusitania Survivor Swims Miles

Singer is One of Heroes of Disaster—is in Water Four Hours After He Jumps

There is no doubt but that the real hero of the six survivors of the Lusitania disaster, who were members of the Royal Welsh Male Singers, is J. Preston Smith. His version of the tragedy is as follows:

"After leaping from the boat I was drawn under the water, and as I came up to the surface a high wave drove me under again, and when I finally came to the surface again the Lusitania had gone forever. After looking around a while I took hold of a deck chair on which I rested for about fifteen minutes. I saw a little half-submerged raft in the distance, and swimming over to it, I crawled aboard. The sight around me was beyond description—men, women and children, and the awful wail arising from the semi-circle of wreckage was enough to make one go crazy. Four men came floating past me on an air tank. They tried for help, and noticing a rope tied to the raft, I succeeded in getting them all safely on the raft. Two men came to our little raft, and the extra weight made it slowly sink. We were in a precarious condition. So, securing two floating life belts from the water, and giving them to two of the boys I decided to take to the water again, which I did. I swam for two hours until my legs gave out owing to cramps, and I spotted an air-tank about two feet square. Securing it, I kept me up nicely, and we drifted a way from the scene. I made out a raft away in the distance, and after being in the water nearly four hours succeeded in reaching it. There were nine men on it, and they pulled me up, completely exhausted. I had lost all use of my legs and could not stand."

"Twenty minutes later a trawler came alongside and took me aboard; we landed at Kinsale at 10 p.m., and were taken to the military hospital. After staying there until next morning I took the train for Queenstown to see how many of the boys were saved. On arriving I found five of them awaiting me. The meeting I shall never forget. I broke down completely. We counted up our party, and found three were missing never to sing with us again, namely, David Hopkins, Isaac Jones, and our dear leader, George F. Davies. These singers reorganized into the Royal Welsh Male Quartette, and will appear at the Comet on February 24th.

### WELSH QUARTETTE COMING UNDER AUSPICES OF ODD FELLOWS

The fame of Welsh singing became world-wide when, in 1872, a named choir, consisting mainly of Welsh village folk, under the leadership of Cadarog (Griffith Rhys-Jones), won the Crystal Palace Company's \$5,500 challenge trophy, and a cash prize of \$500. This fame was enhanced in the following year, when the same choir, under the same leader, again won the trophy, beating the London choir, known then as the Paris Prize Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Proudman. The songs of the principality have ever since maintained the fame and ever enhanced the standard established and set by the Crystal Palace victories.

Hear the Royal Welsh Male Quartette at the Comet. Risca Williams' description of the sinking of the Lusitania is alone a feature worth the admission price.

On February 29 The Guardian will give five per cent of the total business of the day, including subscriptions, to the Red Cross Society. Pay for your paper that day.





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F. H. SCHOOLEY, PROPRIETOR

We have encouraged our men to enlist—have cheered them as they left for the front—have made arrangements to care for their families while they are away. The first news we look for is the war news—but half the time we fail to realize that every engagement of the warring forces means that some are killed, others disabled for life and many so badly wounded that they have to be taken to the hospitals. The Red Cross Society is doing a wonderful work in caring for these and have so organized their forces that a great deal of work is done without cost. Almost every town in the Dominion has a Red Cross Society at work making bandages, knitting socks, etc. But a great deal of money is required to buy drugs, surgical appliances, automobiles, equipment and maintain hospitals; and this need will be redoubled when the spring advance of the allies begins. The Red Cross Society has mapped out a plan whereby funds can be raised without personal sacrifice on the part of any. The idea is to make February 29th Red Cross Day all over the province and people are asked to transact all their business on that day with those who have agreed to give a certain percentage of their receipts for that day to the Red Cross Society. They propose to make February 29th the biggest business day the province has ever known.

### RED CROSS NOTES

The sum of \$41.25 was cleared from the concert given by the returned soldiers on Feb. 4th. This has been given to the Red Cross Society in Edmonton.

The Red Cross Society acknowledges, with thanks, the parcel of shirts and socks sent in by Mrs. J. D. Cumberland from the ladies of Wittenburg.

Not long ago there was a report going in this neighborhood that the Red Cross Society was selling socks. The name of a gentleman in the country was given to the secretary as being able to give full information on the matter, but he evidently could not or would not verify the tale, but up to date no answer has been received from him.

The Red Cross acknowledges, with thanks, the bundle of goods from the ladies of Wittenburg, sent in by Mr. Fallis.

### BENTLEY ITEMS

Tuesday, Feb. 8th, 1916.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Charles Decimus Putland passed away Feb. 2nd at the home of his son, in Bentley. He was taken ill Christmas morning, and partly owing to the severe weather, the weak state of his heart, and his advanced years he was not able to rally, and passed away after five weeks illness. Mr. Putland was a native of St. Leonards-on-Sea, England, where he was engaged in business for many years. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and gave his active support to every good work. This was his fourth visit to Canada, and third to the West, which he greatly admired, being a fan believer in its wonderful possibilities. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. The building was filled to the doors by many friends, some having driven many miles to pay their last respects. Rev. A. D. Miller took the service, and was assisted by Rev. G. Driver, of Fort Saskatchewan, and Mr. Freeman of St. Leonards-on-Sea, England. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, who are members of the same church in the Old Country, have been spending the winter in Edmonton, and are making a tour round the world, having come across the Pacific from Australia. It seems a strange coincidence that they should be here at this time and be present at the graveside of their friend so many thousand miles from home. In spite of the severe cold weather some beautiful wreaths were sent. Mr. W. Brooks, of Rimby, directed the funeral. Mr. Putland was 68

years of age. His familiar figure will be greatly missed from the streets of our village by the many friends he had made since his coming amongst us. Mrs. Putland and family wish to thank all for their practical help and kindly sympathy extended to them in their bereavement.

If Premier Sifton could spend a few days in Bentley and see the numerous loads of grain and hogs, etc., passing through here, on long hauls to the railway, it might touch his heart and set him thinking again about this district's needs.

Patrons of the Royal Bank, Lacombe branch, and Bentley sub-branch, were grieved to get no news from that institution that the sub-branch here would be closed after the 12th day of February. From our observations we thought that the sub-branch here was doing a very good business, as we have noticed many a rush hour at that place, and their open days had got to be the busy days of the week. People are not taking the news very cheerfully, and we think that the Royal Bank officials are making a mistake.

The Ladies Aid entertainment announced for last week, also the Saturday night dance, were called off owing to the death of Mr. Putland, Sr.

Rumors are out and around that Premier Sifton says that our railway shall be completed this coming summer. We think that it is to the interests of the Province that it is, as we understand, nearly three hundred thousand dollars of the Provincial funds are tied up in the project. Why not send the Premier a good strong petition again, or wait on him with a delegation, and mail to him a copy of the "Parable of the Three Wise Men," revised.

A series of lectures, under the auspices of the Local Improvement Association, will be opened by C. F. Damron, President, on Wednesday night, February 16th, at the Club Room. Subject: "The Live Stock Industry of the Blindman Valley. Free admission to all lectures. Everyone welcome. Special interest to

farmers.

### CLIVE ITEMS

News is very scarce these days.

We're not so bad off for coal these days. Fred Perry having unloaded another car a few days ago.

The U.F.A. will hold a special meeting in Brereton's Hall on Saturday, February 12th. Every member is requested to be present.

Lieut. Robert H. Gregory, of the 49th battalion, was reported seriously wounded last week.

The members of the School Board have sent the following letter to T. A. Brereton, Secretary-Treasurer of Clive School District: "You are hereby instructed to notify Mr. Hoyle that the Clive School Board are convinced of their inability to meet the running expenses of the Clive School and carry the heavy financial burdens incidental to the present organization, and that we feel it incumbent upon ourselves to give the Principal thirty days notice of the discontinuance of his services. Signed, A. A. Smith (Chairman), J. T. Reynolds, Jas. Tees." Just why such a step as this has been taken is not clear, as the School Board, at their annual meeting, held a week or so ago, decided that it was their ambition and desire to keep the Clive school up to its present efficiency, and decided that by adding 2 mills more to the tax for this year, it could be done. Our school has obtained a gratifying report from the inspector, which goes to show that Mr. Hoyle is highly qualified, but how about our high school, which has made such rapid progress under the able leadership of our principal? We are of the opinion that the School Board is taking a step which is unnecessary. What is to become of the high school grades now? The taxpayer must pay his increased school tax and then bear the extra expense of sending his children out of town to get high school education. Had our school received an unsatisfactory report we would have upheld the action of the board, but we can't do so now under the circumstances.

### GULL LAKE ITEMS

We notice of late a number of the gentlemen of this district wending their way on foot to Bentley. It happened early in the morning, with their hands or a hot iron on each jaw, just winning one game out of seven. Dr. Laughbaum, they claim, is a painless extractor of teeth, and would recommend him to any other suffering mortals.

One of the champion card-players was beaten the other night owing to a swollen jaw, just winning one game out of seven. He claims such a calamity has never happened before.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hansen are visiting at their son Walter's, east of Lacombe, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gib. King are in the district again and staying at Ernest King's for a few days. They came in last week from the claim.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mr. Putland, of Bentley on Sunday.

The Helping Hand will be held at Mrs. Jno. Damron's a week from Wednesday, Feb. 16th.

### ELKHORN ITEMS

We think we have had our share of cold weather this winter, and wind too. Last Saturday and Sunday the wind was something fierce; it blew night and day. There is also plenty of snow-drifts. We have heard it said that there was no stormy days here; not so this winter. One house in our district was almost snowed in, the snow drifted so high against the door during the night. They could not get out in the morning except through the window. Now, as the weather has come in we are in hopes that we will have warmer weather.

Our last news was sent in before the election for Councillors. The election went off very quietly here, and was held at the residence of Mr. J. C. Smith, the returning officer. Three candidates ran for the honor, and all polled a fair share of votes as a large number turned out to take advantage of their franchise. Mr. James Kinley was the lucky winner, being now a representative of Local Improvement District, No. 429.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beach gave a dance at their new home on the last Friday evening in January. The evening was rather unpleasant, but a goodly number of the young people turned out.

Some of the young fellows got left. This is leap year, and the girls are not slow. Probably it is because of leap year that we have so much cold weather. It is to be hoped, if that's the case, that we won't have another for eight years instead of four.

Those that went from here to the Helping Hand, which met at Mr. and Mrs. Kanngieser's, re-

ported that it will be warmer this month so as to thaw out what is left over from last month.

Our young hunters are still getting the fur-bearing animals. Charles Hubbard trapped a nice lynx last week.

port a very pleasant time.

Dancing was the chief amusement. Some were rather late in getting home.

I read of the death of an old

hunter in the East who had killed 52 bears and 80 moose.

Quite a record that for one man.

I guess those who came in here

last Spring and got a taste of the cold weather will feel like pulling out for a warmer climate.

As the price of grain is going

up the farmers will make good.

Markets are good now for those

who have anything to sell, but

not so good as in the East.

The cold weather has been very

hard on the fowl as well as cat-

ters, not many eggs, only a few

feathers.

Any young man who is fit, who has nothing holding him back, should join the Canadian forces—and do it now. A young man who does not join at this time of crisis can hardly expect to keep the respect of the people with whom he associates. It is coming to the time when the "Safely First" boys will be shamed into putting on the uniform, and coming quickly. Never in the history of the Empire were men needed more urgently than at the present time.

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**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF  
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CONSIDER MANY  
RESOLUTIONS.**

Some of the Resolutions to be brought before the Convention of the Alberta Association of Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities to be held in the Albion Hall, Edmonton, Feb. 16, 17, and 18, 1916.

Query: Is it lawful to place gopher poison on surface of ground, thus destroying birds, etc.?

1. R. M. of Rosebud, No. 280.—Resolved, That this Convention petition the Legislature to pass legislation giving power to Rural Municipalities to allow discount up to 10 per cent. for the payment of taxes during the thirty day period.

2. R. M. Bow Valley, No. 219.—That it is the opinion of this Convention that the Municipal Act should be amended so as to give power to Councils to pass by-laws which will enable them to deal effectively with parties who wilfully or needlessly damage the roads in the different municipalities, as it does not appear that Councils have the power, under the present Act, to enable them to handle this question successfully.

3. R. M. Bow Valley, No. 219.—That it is the opinion of this Convention that the Municipal Act should be amended so as to enable the Municipal Councils to make the Assessment and strike the Tax Rate at any time and during the year not later than Sept. 15th, said assessment to be subject to correction for errors or omissions that might arise in same, up to Sept. 15th in each year.

4. R. M. of Bow Valley, No. 219.—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention it would be a help in municipal racing if an amendment to the Municipal Act were made, giving Councils power to allow a discount on general and school taxes paid before a certain date fixed by the Council.

5. L. I. D., No. 517.—Whereas, Section 52 of the Local Improvement Act, provides that the taxes levied on any lot containing at least one acre in any subdivision or plan, or any fraction of a section containing at least one acre, shall be at least fifty cents, and the taxes levied on any lot containing less than one acre, or on any fraction of a section containing less than one acre, shall be twenty-five cents;

and whereas, the Minister of Municipalities has, by his decision in a recent appeal decided that the provisions of the Act do not apply to subdivided land unless a plan of such subdivision has been registered;

and whereas, this state of the law offers an encouragement to owners of subdivided land to neglect taxation, in order to evade registration; and is unfair to the community inasmuch as it makes it impossible to provide ahead against the added burden of extra roads and lanes which will ultimately have to be constructed and maintained out of the District's funds;

be it therefore resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the Act should be so amended that it will be legal to collect taxes on the above-named basis on any land which has been staked out into blocks or lots, irrespective of whether any plan has been registered or not.

6. R. M. of Dinton, No. 189.—That the Government be petitioned that one-half the amount paid for Automobile Licenses be paid over to the Municipalities in which the automobile owners reside for the purposes of road improvements.

7. R. M. of Dinton, No. 189.—Whereas the Municipalities are called upon to make yearly grants to local hospitals, and whereas the Municipalities may be held liable to such hospitals for all expenses in connection with indigent patients; therefore, be it resolved that the Government be petitioned to pass a law whereby each farm employee 18 years of age or over be assessed \$1.00 per month for hospital insurance something after the fashion of miners or railroad employees and such money be paid to the Municipality and held as fund for indigent patients.

8. R. M. of Success, No. 336.—Resolved, That Section 107 of the "Rural Municipality Act" be so amended as to allow nomination to be held two, or even three, weeks prior to election.

9. R. M. of Success, No. 336.—Resolved, That Section 214, Clause 2, of the Rural Municipality Act be amended by striking out the words "(any ten)" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the following "Ten per cent. of the."

10. R. M. of Success, No. 336.—Whereas, large amounts of money are required to be raised for Red Cross and Patriotic purposes; and whereas, it is deemed necessary in order to more effectively appraise the burden of expenses and to provide a substantial addition of a permanent character to the generous voluntary donations of the people; therefore, be it resolved, That this Association, in Convention assembled, petition the Government of the Province to collect a levy of one mill on the dollar on the assessed value of all rateable land within the Province, based on equalized assessment, and that the fund be held by the Provincial Treasurer, in trust, for the patriotic purposes aforesaid, levy to be made in 1916, and be continued as long as, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, it may be necessary.

11. R. M. of Gariepy, No. 574.—That this Association petition the Dominion Government to grant such adequate pensions to disabled soldiers, and also to the widows and children of soldiers who die on active service, as will enable these dependents to live respectably, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, and also to the various Rural Municipalities in which there are no printing offices, therefore.

Be it Resolved, That we recommend that Sec. 107 of the Rural Municipality Act be amended by striking out the word "next" where it appears at the beginning of the fourth line of said Section 107, on page 25, and substitute therefor the word "second."

16. R. M., Burlington, No. 34.—Whereas, a certain portion of the Municipal and School Revenue is lost to us each year by reason of parties filing upon land, enjoying the privileges of ownership for a period and then abandoning same; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we request the Alberta Association of Rural Municipalities to petition the Dominion Government to amend the Dominion Land Regulations by adding the following clause: "Where land has been filed upon, taxes allowed to accrue against same, and then abandoned, that the taxes so accrued be made a charge against the land so abandoned and payable by the party next making entry upon same."

17. R. M., Burlington, No. 34.—Whereas, the past six years have demonstrated the fact that farmers in Southern Alberta can not rely upon the growing of grain as a certain source of revenue; and, whereas, it is advocated by all Western Agriculturalists, and demonstrated, that Mixed or Dairy Farming is proving successful where tried; and, whereas, the majority of farmers in the trenches, to care for the dependents of those who have enlisted, and to assist those who are being returned to their homes incapacitated from doing further active work; and,

Whereas, it is our opinion and belief of the Council of Beddington Rural Municipality, No. 260, that the support and assistance required of the rural districts, to those organizations now engaged in the work referred to, should be collected uniformly and systematically.

Therefore, be it resolved, That this Convention of the Alberta Association of Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities respectfully memorialize the Provincial Government to cause such amendments to be made to the Local Improvement and Rural Municipalities Act, at the present Session of the Legislature, as may be necessary to empower Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities in the Province of Alberta, to impose and collect a uniform rate of taxation for patriotic purposes, the proceeds to be collected by the Secretary-Treasurer of all Local Improvement Districts and Municipalities in the same manner as other taxes, and the amounts forwarded from time to time to His Royal Highness, The Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, in his official capacity as President of the Canadian Patriotic Association, to be distributed by him in such manner as he may deem wise.

14. R. M., Burlington, No. 34.—Whereas, it is deemed detrimental to the best interests of a municipality that its offices, Secretary and Treasurer be constantly changing hands with the election of each new Council by reason of the knowledge of past events bearing upon Municipal

matters held by the said Secretaries and Treasurers, and believing that such officials should be known to be qualified by certain training for the position applied for; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the appointment to the office of Secretary or Treasurer, or Secretary and Treasurer, be made by examination similar to that used in the Dominion civil service, the details of such examination to be prescribed by the Minister of Municipalities. In lieu of such examination a service of three years by a Secretary or Treasurer, applying for re-appointment subsequent to the adoption of this amendment, shall be deemed proper qualification; the officials appointed under this amendment being removable from office only by reason of fraud or dereliction to duty, satisfactorily proven to a majority of the Council and to the Minister of Municipalities.

And, be it further resolved, That we instruct the Secretary to mail a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Alberta Association of Rural Municipalities, requesting that same be brought before the Annual Convention, to be held in Edmonton in February, 1916.

15. R. M., Burlington, No. 34.—Whereas, it is impossible for a returning Officer to prepare and distribute ballots for the Election of Councillors and Aldermen, voting on By-Laws in the same manner allowed by the Municipal Act, Province of Alberta, an outlying Rural Municipalities in which there are no printing offices, therefore.

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Be it resolved, That we request the Alberta Association of Rural Municipalities to petition the Provincial Legislature to so amend the Rural Municipality Act that it shall permit a Rural Municipality to use its credit to secure a limited number of Dairy Cattle each year to be distributed among responsible farmers of the Municipality, distribution to be subject to the direction of an advisory board appointed by the Council and approved by the Minister of Municipalities and subject to the following terms:

The local bank to finance the proposition, the farmer desiring stock to give his note for the full value of his purchase and said note to be endorsed by the Reeve and Secretary for the Municipality as sureties; the farmer agreeing to ship his cream to a Creamery and allowing 50 per cent. of the return to be remitted direct to the Treasurer of the Municipality, all such monies to be deposited in a sinking fund to be used solely for the purpose of retiring the farmer's loan; the same 50 per cent return to apply to all increase sold off the cattle so purchased.

18. R. M., Lakeview, No. 454.—Whereas, the cost of enlisting, equipping and maintaining the Canadian forces in their participation in the Empire's war, with the necessary ambulances, has

placed a heavy burden upon the Government to sell school land for the benefit of Rural Municipalities as School Districts are organized.

**RIMBEY ITEMS**

Mrs. and Miss Pearn are in Rimby today, having made up their mind to take a trip to B. C., where Mr. Pearn and son have been for some time.

Reserve Monday, Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day, for the social at Miss Ethel Rimby's in aid of Girls' Red Cross. Admission, 10 cents. All girls welcome at the meeting at the High School on Tuesdays. At present the young ladies are doing fancy work for a sale in the Spring—proceeds to go to Ogden Home at Calgary.

Miss Josephine Patch will give a music recital on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 15. Miss Patch has a class of eleven pupils, each of whom will give from one to three selections. Other selections by the best talent in the neighborhood; also some vocal music. Come early, as program begins at 7:30. Ten cents admission will be charged.

Mr. Prosser is arranging a whist drive to be held in the hall on Friday, 25th. Tickets—Gentlemen 50c.; ladies provide or pay 25c. The hall is now beautifully warm and comfortable. Please buy tickets beforehand of storekeepers or Mrs. Prosser, so that the right number of tables will be arranged. Ladies and gentlemen's prizes for highest score. Start off at 8:30. Proceeds, after expenses, for Red Cross.

And, whereas, such occupants are not entitled to exercise the right of voting until such age of 21 years is attained.

And, whereas, this Council is of the opinion that justice is done to such occupants by applying taxes upon them whilst giving them the right to vote.

Now, be it Resolved, That this Council do lay this question before the Alberta Association of Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities at their Convention with a view to obtaining an amendment in the Local Improvement and Rural Municipal Acts whereby equal suffrage shall be extended to all taxpayers.

22. L. I. D., No. 582.—Whereas, great inconvenience, extra work, and loss of valuable time is caused to Secretaries-Treasurers of Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities by reason of the difficulty experienced in obtaining information as to persons filing upon land and persons abandoning or being cancelled;

Now, be it Resolved, That this Council suggests that all Secretaries or Secretaries-Treasurers of Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities supply the names of all persons filing upon, abandoning, or being cancelled in respect of land within the limits of the various Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities, a description of the land abandoned or cancelled, and the date of such filing, abandonment, or cancellation, at least once in every three months, and respectfully asks that this be considered by the Convention with a view to laying the matter before the Provincial Government to obtain such assistance.

23. L. I. D., No. 582.—Whereas, numerous cancellation proceedings and abandonments take place within the limits of the various Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities of the Province;

And, whereas, much of the land so abandoned has been to greater or less degree improved by clearing, cultivation, fencing, etc.

And, whereas, many of the before recited improvements are paid for by incoming occupants;

And, whereas, serious loss of revenue is experienced by many such Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities, owing to arrears of taxes upon such land being irrecoverable;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That this Council respectfully suggests that all arrears of taxes shall be a charge upon any monies paid in respect of such improvements as aforesaid, and that such arrears of taxes shall be paid out of such monies so received in respect of such improvements to the various Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities, to whom such arrears of taxes shall be a charge upon any monies paid in respect of such improvements as aforesaid, and that such arrears of taxes shall be paid out of such monies so received in respect of such improvements to the various Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities, to whom such arrears of taxes shall be a charge upon any monies paid in respect of such improvements as aforesaid, and that such arrears of taxes shall be paid out of such monies so received in respect of such improvements to the various Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities, to whom such arrears of taxes shall be a charge upon any 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## More German Intrigue

Plot to Draw Canada Into War With

Word has reached members of the American Legion in Toronto that German agents in New York have already started a movement for a second anti-German world war, which would be patched up peace in Europe.

They aim to secure control of the United States land forces by having them sent to Canada, and to bring officers from Germany. When it suits German hostilities are to be made between the United States and Japan so that the United States may be drawn in. This is with a view of England being struck at on behalf of Germany, through Canada, by America's armed forces.

The plot is being started by a movement to foment anti-British and anti-American sentiment in the press to draw Britain and Japan into a conspiracy to pick a quarrel with the United States and make a nation out of it.

The plot is to be the prospective United States army under the command of German officers is disclosed to the public, and the German troops in the United States just sent out by G. V. Fleetwood, of 1123 Broadway, New York, in which he says:

"The secret of her happiness lies in the depth of her peacefulness. Now that her armies have fought side by side with the English, now that the spirit of the English appears to have conquered, have entered her heart as a nation, together with her undivided contempt for the United States, we will be able to make her in battle if Great Britain and her ally in Asia give in."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

## Armenian Atrocities

Estimated That A Million Armenians Have Been Killed

Lord Bryce has issued a further report on the Armenian atrocities. He gave the estimate that nearly a million Armenians were imprisoned and beaten to death, or driven to the river bank and there killed.

One report which Lord Bryce quotes states that in a certain town 200 chief Armenians were impaled and skinned alive, while others were driven to the river bank and there killed. Women and girls, he states, have been disseminated among the Turkish villages in Turkey, choosing such virgins as they wanted.

A large number of exiles were also taken into slavery in towns, and for a time they were better off. Suddenly the police ordered them to leave and the whole number, perhaps over 1,000,000, fled for the last little stretch of road to an encampment.

If one is troubled with corns and warts, he will find in Holloway's Cure an application that will entirely relieve suffering.

## Vaccines and Climate

The effects of volcanic dust upon climate have formed the subject of much scientific publication during the last few years. The subject has been taken up by Dr. H. Arctowski, well known for his researches on so-called "volcanic" variations of temperature and other meteorological conditions. He finds that the vast well produced by the Krakatoa eruption affected atmosphere in a manner similar to that of the violent eruptions of 1902, as well as the Katmai eruptions in 1912. Influenced yearly by the effects of volcanic dust, the seasons of temperature have nothing in common with the presence or absence of volcanic dust, and the absence of the sunspot variation upon the changes of atmospheric temperature is undeniable.

After reading the regular lesson one afternoon a young woman who was teaching a class of youngsters in a school folded the paper and began to ask questions. "What little boy?" she persuasively remarked, "can tell me the difference between the 'quick' and the 'dead'?"

"I can tell 'em, Mary," exclaimed a small boy named Tommy, excitedly wriggling his hand.

"The 'quick' was the triumphant re-joiner of Tommy. 'Is this what stops out of the way of automobiles, them that don't is dead?'"

## Army Bath-Trains

Each Car Accommodates 16 Soldiers at One Time

A railway train which can not only accommodate 16,000 soldiers with a complete supply of refreshments for the serving of refreshments, but also provides for the carrying of the equipment of the Russian army. The bath is a great institution in Russia, and the military advantage has its little banya or steam bath house, where the people get their steam bath. It is in the national custom to wash and bathe in the open air, and in the present war, to the construction of several movable banjas, or bath trains, for the Russian army.

Each train consists of a locomotive and a score of cars, paneled with felt, cork and wood, to keep them warm, and joined with warm vestibules below. The cars are provided for soldiers to pass from the dressing room to the bathroom and then to the steam bath. The steam is provided with hot water from the locomotive boiler, and in the train there are two tank cars holding water sufficient for the entire train.

Each car can accommodate 48 soldiers, who, after having their hair cut in the washing car, where they are shaved, and their clothes and linen have been taken charge of by an attendant, who passes them to the steam bath, reach the dressing car, finds on his numbered seat a bag with a sea, clean linen and a change of clothes, and are dressed. After this, when he is dressed he can pass to the next car, where he can get tea sugar, and coffee.

These bath trains cost between £6,000 and £8,000, and they have proved so useful that others are being provided as rapidly as possible.—Tit-Bits.

Dread of Asthma makes countless thousands miserable. Night after night the attacks return and even when brief respite is given the mind is still tormented from continual anxiety.

Dr. R. K. Ross, of Adelma Remedy changes all this. Relaxed, and at once, while future attacks are avoided, of leaving the affected ones in a state of complete happiness he believed he could not enjoy. Inexpensive and sold almost everywhere.

## B. C. Timber Resources

Government Working to Secure a Larger Market For Output

Any inventory of the forests of British Columbia has been commenced in order to find out how much timber can be cut without injuring the forests. The investigation showed that the province contained over 100,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. The forests, moreover, are producing annually about five billion feet of timber, and since only a billion and a half feet are cut each year, it is evident that the harvest can safely be increased several fold.

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# EAST AFRICA THE ONLY REMAINING COLONY NOW LEFT FOR GERMANY

WILL SOON BE BRITISH POSSESSION, IT IS EXPECTED

A Determined Attack Will Likely Soon be Made by British Troops on the Only Foreign Possession of Germany—Would be a Valuable Asset to British Empire

The official announcement of General Smith-Dorrien's new command in East Africa, combined with various reports tending to corroborate the belief that an attack on Egypt and the Red Sea is imminent, has been the which the German headquarters staff will seek to deliver, receives serious consideration.

The unique strategical possibilities of the world war furnishes a fascinating study. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien's appointment as commander-in-chief of the British forces in the world of the Westminster Gazette, that "the operations in East Africa are destined to take a more aggressive character than they have hitherto had."

With the operations in the Kamerun practically completed, Germany's African possessions seem a German colony to be subdued, and its possession will be a valuable asset to the British Empire, and especially India. Germany is understood to possess a force of about 7,000 whites at her disposal there, and she is said to have turned large numbers of the native population which total 10,000,000.

The British forces in East Africa include 10,000 men, consisting of only two battalions of the King's African Rifles (native troops), some 3,000 native police in India, East Africa, Uganda, and some small white levies. These were reinforced by Indian troops.

The German and British forces have come into contact on various occasions, the two most important being the British victory over the Labuan attack on the German post of Tanga, and the British capture of Bokobé, the German base on Lake Victoria Nyanza.

Nothing in the nature of an attack to conquer German East Africa, which is officially one and a half times the size of Germany, has hitherto taken such an expedition.

## United States Annual Agricultural Report

Diversified Farming Essential to a Sound Agriculture Economy

A particular emphasis is again laid upon the necessity for increasing the number of meat animals. The department, it is stated, has extended its activities to meet the needs of the available funds furnished. The attention of the single-crop farmer has been directed to the need of diversification, and the raising of live stock as essential to a sound agricultural economy.

Among the most promising agencies for increasing the meat supply are the pig clubs. These now have a membership of about 9,000 boys and girls and over 2,000 registered hogs are owned by them. Foundry clubs also have received much attention, the membership now being approximately 4,000. The report continues:

"Last year the ease with which the meat supply can be increased materially by diversifying or eliminating the coarse live stock was fully demonstrated. The direct losses from them are enormous. It is impossible to give any accurate statement of the direct losses. The indirect losses, which also are great cannot be estimated at all. It has been conservatively estimated, on the basis of records for thirty years, that the annual direct losses from animal diseases are approximately \$212,000,000."

In addition to the report states, continues very seriously. There is practically no available information as to the use, and present indications are that the meat supply will not be increased materially during the coming year. The various obstacles to the commercial development of the four known domestic sources are pointed out. These sources are: The giant help of the Pacific Northwest, the cattle of Utah, mainly in the mountains of Utah, the pedagogic rock of the eastern part of the United States, and the mountain Lake country.

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Everything is always neat and shipshape around the farm, and the array of well painted, bright farm buildings, the barns and the like, make a pretty picture. Good sites always add to the attractiveness of a set of farm buildings, and there are two at Colony Farm, one 140x100 feet.

This summer, largely by asylum labor, a fine new barn containing 10,000 square feet was built, which has room for five animals each, are constructed of hollow iron pipe, silvered. The feeding troughs are made of iron and are connected by a door, left open during the day, with a grazing field outside, so that the animals can come and go as they please.

The barn house in the rear of the main building contains a stable, which housed two young bulls.

The dimensions of this new barn are 140x32 feet.

The milchhouse, which is located a safe distance from the dairy barn, the milk is conveyed by an overhead covered walk. It is heated to 100 degrees, the floor consists of 4x12 inch pine, cane, etc., are terked carefully in another room.

Handy airing in the management of this farm, but is done in the most approved manner, and every visitor to British Columbia who can possibly spare the time should visit the farm.

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**Protect Against Re-naming Mountain**

Several Canadian women who claim that Miss Edith, a widow, died in Belgium after their wives have written to the government protesting against the proposed re-naming of the mountain. Miss Edith, a widow, is the mother of a British nurse who was murdered in Belgium. The first proposal was that Miss Edith, a widow, should be named after the dead heroine, but this was objected to principally for historical reasons.

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### Wireless Wonders

The 7,000 wireless stations in the world require over 15,000 licensed men to operate them, while over 1,000 land stations with a working force of 2,200 men are required to handle the business which originates on board of these vessels.

## Germans Fear Great Britain

Believe That Britain Will Win If War Comes in 1917

The Milan Secolo prints a long column interview with a neutral observer, a famous Scandinavian man of letters, who spent four months in Great Britain, and gives an analysis of the military, economic and moral situation. He says:

"The war is not overhanded. All the overhanded and 'visible' facts serve to satirize or delude the people. None less a subversive sense of disarray and universal gloom springs from the blank uncertainty as to what the morrow may bring forth."

"The German people hold that the war can still be won, but not that they can do it better, nor that they can rely on their military force and endure the economic pinches for so long a time, but placed in General Smith-Dorrien's place, they could easily be employed elsewhere."

Egypt is the particular place where the Germans believe that the British garrison in that country has been greatly increased, and it is believed that adequate representations have been made to the German Turk.

"Some say that the characteristic British habit of disposing the enemy may once again be unduly influencing the government," he says.

Reports from Syria of Turkish preparations are regarded as serious and threatening. Syria speaks of strong concentration of Turks at Jerusalem and Tarsus.

The German general, Trusmeyer, is in command of an army of 100,000 men at Gaza, and Von Mackensen, according to the report, will have supreme command of the army of 100,000 men.

The reported decision of the Dutch shipping companies trading to the Suez Canal to abandon that route in favor of the Suez Canal is not yet definite, and the British fear above all things the cool, dogged British perseverance.

"Should the British and their allies succeed in maintaining such a resolute attitude as to prolong war beyond 1916, do not know how Germany can possibly hope for victory. The British are determined to press forward, and the Germans will probably be compelled to come to an armistice."

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"The British and their allies have come into contact on various occasions, the two most important being the British victory over the Labuan attack on the German post of Tanga, and the British capture of Bokobé, the German base on Lake Victoria Nyanza."

Nothing in the nature of an attack to conquer German East Africa, which is officially one and a half times the size of Germany, has hitherto taken such an expedition.

### Farm-Famed Colony Farm

Reportation Made by Purebred, Holstein, Guernsey and Clydesdales

One big British Columbian farm, the ownership of which, as well as the entire management and labor control, rests in the hands of itself, is the Colony Farm at Esquimalt, near New Westminster, owned by the provincial government, and under the direction of Mr. J. E. McKay, is also superintendent of the farm, although under him are the experiments of various kinds which have charge of the experiments.

The class of patients the hospital treats, outdoor work on the hospital grounds, the hospital is excellent, and so the magnitude of the work done is quite remarkable.

There are now 1,000 men employed in metal working and transport industries rose from 140,000 to 155,000.

**Climate and Cultivation**

Broken Land Retains Moisture and the Heat of the Sun

The character of climates is variously affected by the presence or absence of trees, and other factors, as in his British association address, Sir Charles Lucas noted that climate becomes both hotter and colder when the sun is at one angle, and the earth is heated by the cutting down of trees; they become drier or moister with the desiccation of the soil, and the heat and dryness of uncalculated amounts may be determined by the removal or retaining of the forests.

The Canadian Parks Service, under the direction of Mr. H. D. Strathearn, has got into a new "era" with the introduction of motor boats for scientific aviators who have got into difficulties.

It is the boat in the invention of a British engineer, Mr. G. C. Straker, who has been named by his inventor the "motor-car of the sea," and is about something after the fashion of a boat which has been converted into a motor boat.

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200 yards of Pongee Silk, 34 inches wide, extra fine quality, suitable for dresses and waists, special per yard..... 35c

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2 doz Ladies' Waists, assorted patterns, extra good quality, at a special bargain. On sale regular to \$3.00 for..... \$1.50

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100 yards of Raw Silk, 36 inches wide, extra heavy weight; colors are brown, tan, navy, light blue. This is very special. Regular to \$1.00 per yard for..... 69c

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100 yards of heavy Melton Cloth, in navy, black and stripes, special value, regular 50c per yard for..... 38c

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Just received a good assortment of Braid, assorted colors, 6 yards to a card, worth 20c per card, on sale at..... 10c

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25 per cent off on all cloth Overcoats for men and boys.

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**All Kinds of  
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### Items of Interest Locally

Coming—"The Night Stage,"

The Royal Welsh Male Quartette coming Feb. 24.

The Empress Hotel will be sold out under the hammer on March 1.

Private Harry Parker, of the 66th Batt., spent a holiday at home this week.

Phone 95—the New Meat Market—for your needs in the meat line. F. Cheeseman.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Gilmour returned on Tuesday from an extended visit in Ontario.

Coming to the Rex in the near future—"The Night Stage," the best of all Mutual Masterpieces.

A. Driggs, of Morningside, has returned from an extended visit to relatives in the south country.

I. Peterka is still selling boots, shoes, overshoes, rubbers, moccasins, mitts and gloves at less than cost. Now is the time to buy.

Will those who have subscribed to the Patriotic Fund please call and pay their donations at the Royal Bank of Canada, where their cards are deposited?

Everything the best at the Pioneer Meat Market. L. W. Puffer is now in charge, and will see that only the best meats, etc. are sold. Call phone 15 for prompt service.

The Royal Welsh Male Quartette will be at the Comet Theater on February 24, under the auspices of Magnet Lodge No. 12, I.O.O.F.

Private L. A. Scherrer, of the 66th Battalion, spent the weekend at his home in Lacombe, returning to Edmonton Sunday evening.

The "January thaw" had put off its appearance so long that we had begun to fear that there was danger that it would overlap the May snowstorm.

S. N. Rimby, of Rimby, on Friday last shipped a carload of hogs from Lacombe to the Calgary market. The price realized was \$8.90.

Hab Camp No. 13324, Modern Woodmen of America, will hold the annual ball on the night of March 17. Woodmen, keep this date in mind.

On Tuesday evening, February 15, a special evening will be given for the members and adherents of the Methodist Church at the home of Dr. E. N. and Mrs. Sharpe.

The farewell dance given by the young ladies of Lacombe in honor of Miss Wright, who is leaving shortly for Toronto, was a most enjoyable affair, and everybody had a good time.

The entertainment given by the returned soldiers, Wells and Teat, in the Comet on Thursday night was most interesting. The young heroes gave their audience an insight into the conditions of fighting at the front, and the good work our boys are doing.

Business men, clerks, bankers, etc., will have a chance to see "The Night Stage" when it comes; it will not be shown on a Saturday night.

Tickets for the Welsh Quartette are now on sale at Creighton's drug store. Reserve your seats now; there's going to be a big rush. Reserved seat tickets 75c, general admission 50c.

The carnival given by Lacombe skating rink on Tuesday eve i g was a success in every particular. The attendance was good and the music by the Rex orchestra was much enjoyed by all.

The Rev. W. Hollingsworth, S. T. L., of Calgary, has accepted an invitation to become the pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Lacombe. The change of ministers will take place in June.

Two donations of ten dollars each have been received by the treasurer of the Patriotic Society in Lacombe. The donors have not sent their names, but can be assured that their liberality is appreciated.

After due consideration, the Royal Bank of Canada has decided to close up their agencies at Bentley and Blackfalds on the 12th inst. The business being done in these branches does not warrant the expense of operating.

Miss Molly Ewing, of the Canyon, S.D., was successful in winning the first prize in the recent essay contest held by the Garbutt Business College, of Calgary. The prize is a choice of a typewriter or an eight-months'

course in the College, worth \$100. The second prize, \$40.00 in gold, was won by Master Wesley Pate, of Alix, and the third prize, \$40.00 in gold, was won by Miss Margaret Cooper, of Stettler. The subject of the essay was "Hiawatha's Wedding Journey."

The Women's Institute will hold a social at the residence of Mrs. P. A. Switzer, on St. Valentine's evening, the 18th inst. A good time is promised, and everybody is invited. A collection will be taken in aid of the society.

Capt. Evans, of the Valley View Stock Farm, reports the arrival of some lambs at his farm last week. The youngsters, while arriving a little early in the year, are doing well, and will be in good shape for the fall exhibition.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold an anniversary dinner on Thursday evening, Feb. 17th. Dinner will be served in the basement of the church from 6 to 8 o'clock. Concert in the Church. Admission to dinner and concert, 50c; children, 25c.

The five hundred card party and dance given by the ladies of Lacombe on Thursday night, to raise funds to purchase material for field comforts for the Lacombe boys at the front, was a big success. We have not learned the exact amount of the receipts, but from the large number present it could not have failed to bring satisfactory returns.

John McKenty was called to North Battleford on Saturday by a telegram apprising him of

the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. J. Mugan. On the same day he received a telegram announcing the death, in Dakota, of his young nephew, Ralph McKinley Price.

"What's His Name?" That's the question. If you want to find out visit the Rex on Saturday or Monday evening Feb. 14th, and see the Famous Players production of the play of that name. As a guarantee that it will be a good picture (one of the best) we have but to state that it was written by George Barr McCutcheon, author of "Brewster's Millions," and who hasn't read one or more of his interesting

books. And what is more the principal role will be taken by the inimitable comedian, Mr. Mex Figman.

### PUBLIC NOTICE



A Sitting of the District Court will be held at Lacombe on Wednesday, February 23rd, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Edmonton, February 11th, 1916.

A. G. BROWNING,  
Acting Deputy Attorney General.

# Royal Welsh Male Quartette

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Survivors of the Gwent Welsh Singers  
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